

August 6, 2008

Dear Parents,

We are pleased to announce some new developments in the Strings program for the 2008-2009 school year. We hope that these will be positive changes for all involved in the program.

Cumberland Trace Elementary School schedule will remain the same. Cumberland Trace classes will continue to be held on Tuesday and Thursday from 11:30 – 12:00 for 4th graders and from 12:00 – 12:30 for 5th and 6th graders.

The programs at Natcher and Briarwood Elementary Schools will now be held after school. This means the program is now open to students from *any* Warren County elementary school!

Intermediate classes (for students who have taken 1 or 2 years) will be scheduled:

3:30-4:30pm on Wednesdays at Natcher Elementary School
3:30-4:30pm on Thursdays at Briarwood Elementary School

**Student should attend one class and may choose *either* Wednesday or Thursday classes. We hope this will avoid any after-school conflicts you may have. (For example, if your child attends Natcher, but can not participate on Wednesdays, you have the option of Thursdays at Briarwood.) The one hour class meetings will reduce set-up/break-down time and allow for more productive, concentrated instruction time.

In addition, a Warren County Youth Orchestra will be created this year. It will meet every other Friday afternoon at Drakes Creek Middle School and include all intermediate string students (returning 5th/6th graders or younger kids who have had private lessons). This will be a wonderful enhancement to the program. A detailed calendar with all class and concert dates for the semester is included with this packet.

In the event that your child has outgrown his/her instrument and is ready to move up a size, Royal Music can measure your child during the Open House on August 14 and let you know if a larger size needs to be rented.

Tuition for the 2008-2009 year will be \$100 per semester at the elementary schools. This reflects the first tuition increase of the program. Tuition must be paid upon registration to enroll in the program. To register your child for strings, please fill out the registration form and mail to Sharon Woodward at the Department of Extended Learning and Outreach at WKU. Any registration questions you have may also be directed to Sharon at cont.ed@wku.edu.

I am looking forward to an exciting year.

Sincerely,

Sarah Berry

Sarah Berry
Orchestra Director



WKU & Warren County Strings Program After-School Program at Briarwood/Natcher



About the program:

The WKU & Warren County Strings Program offers instruction on violin, viola, cello and bass in a group orchestra setting. Students meet once a week after school for orchestra class. Classes are taught by Sarah Berry, WKU Professional in Residence. Sarah.berry@wku.edu

Tuition:

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Beginning Strings:

3:30-4:30 on Mondays at Natcher Elementary School (First class August 18)

3:30-4:30 on Tuesdays at Briarwood Elementary School (First Class August 19)

Intermediate Strings (for students who have taken 1 or 2 years) will be scheduled:

3:30-4:30pm on Wednesdays at Natcher Elementary School (Starts August 13)

3:30-4:30pm on Thursdays at Briarwood Elementary School (Starts August 14)

**Student should attend one class and may choose *either* class for their level.

Warren County Honor Orchestra:

The WCHO will meet every other Friday afternoon at Drakes Creek Middle School and include all *intermediate* string students. Participation in the WCHO is optional, but strongly encouraged!

Instrument Rental:

String instruments can be rented from Royal Music in downtown Bowling Green. Students must be fitted for the correct size instrument. We will size them at the meeting on August 14.

Why Strings?

- ♪ Problem-solving
- ♪ Teamwork
- ♪ Music reading
- ♪ Physical coordination
- ♪ Memory skills
- ♪ Developing self-discipline and concentration.
- ♪ Developing a joy and sense of satisfaction that comes from being a musician!

String Program Meeting: AUGUST 14, 2008 6:00pm Cumberland Trace Elementary

This meeting is for *all string parents and students*. Come to find out more about the program and have all your questions answered! Bring your registration form to sign up for strings. Kids will be sized for their instruments. Royal Music will be there for instrument rental.



WKU & Warren County Strings Program *Cumberland Trace Elementary School*



About the program:

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Beginning Strings (4th Grade):

11:30-12:00 Tuesdays and Thursdays

Intermediate Strings (5th and 6th Grade) will be scheduled:

12:00-12:30 Tuesdays and Thursdays

**Classes start August 19

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**WKU & Warren County Strings Program
Public School Program and Intermediate Orchestra
2008-2009**



Date _____ Name of Student _____

Student's School _____

Class attending? Please circle:

BEGINNING: INTERMEDIATE:
 Mondays at Natcher Wednesdays at Natcher Cumberland Trace Elem.
 Tuesdays at Briarwood Thursdays at Briarwood

Instrument: _____

Grade in 08-09 _____ Homeroom Teacher _____

Parent Names _____

Home Address _____

Home Phone Number _____

Work/Cell Phone Number _____

E-Mail Address _____

I agree to pay a total of \$100 for string instruction. I understand that it will be my responsibility to provide an instrument, book and supplies needed for this class. I understand that money is not refunded for any classes missed by the students. Students who enroll in the Strings Program are expected to complete the semester's length of instruction. ***Students who have not paid by the due date will not be allowed to continue with the program.***

Parent Signature _____

Payment Information for Fall 2008 Strings Program

Amount Enclosed _____ (payment due by August 28, 2008, cards will be charged that date)

_ Check (payable to WKU) _ Discover _ MasterCard _ Visa

***If credit card: Name on card _____ Exp. Date _____

Card Number _____

Please return completed forms to Continuing Education, 2355 Nashville Rd, Bowling Green, KY 42101 or fax to 270-745-8974.

Warren County Honor Orchestra

Tentative Fall 2008 Schedule

The Warren County Honor Orchestra is being created this year as a wonderful enhancement to the WKU & Warren County Strings Program. The WCHO will meet two Fridays a month at Drakes Creek Middle School. The WCHO is open to any string student who has been in the program for at least one year or had a year of private lessons. The WCHO will focus on learning orchestra pieces and playing in a full orchestra setting. Rehearsals will be held from 3:30-4:30 in the Drakes Creek band room.

Rehearsal Dates:

8/22

8/29

9/5

9/26

10/17

10/24

10/31

11/7

11/14 – Dress Rehearsal

11/18 Winter Strings Concert

6:30pm Cumberland Trace Elementary School

Drop-off/Pick Up Information:

Students may be dropped off at the front of DCMS for rehearsals. The start time is flexible, as it may take some students longer to travel to Drakes Creek. It is critical, however, that students are picked up on time. They will be dismissed from the band room at 4:30 and will wait by the front doors of the middle school to be picked up.

Natcher Strings
Fall 2008 Schedule (Tentative)

Beginning Strings

Mondays

8/18 – Introduction to Strings (no instruments)
8/25
9/1 – No Class
9/8
9/15
9/22
9/29
10/6 – Fall Break, No class
10/13
10/20
10/27
11/3
11/10
11/17 – No Class
11/18 – CONCERT
11/24
12/1- Last Class – Party!

Intermediate Strings

Wednesdays

8/13
8/20- No Class
8/27
9/3 – No Class
9/10
9/17
9/24
10/1
10/8 – Fall Break, No Class
10/15
10/22
10/29
11/5
11/12
11/18 - CONCERT
11/19- No class
12/3 – Last Class – Party!

Winter Concert

Cumberland Trace Elementary School
November 18, 2008
6:30pm (Students be there at 5:45pm!)

Teacher Contact Information:

Sarah Berry
Sarah.berry@wku.edu (E-mail is the BEST way to reach me!)
270-745-5146

Briarwood Strings

Fall 2008 Schedule

Beginning Strings

Tuesdays

8/19– Introduction to Strings (no instruments)
8/26
9/2
9/9
9/16
9/23
9/30
10/7 – Fall Break, No class
10/14
10/21
10/28
11/4 – No School, Election Day
11/11
11/18 – No Class (Concert at 6:30pm)
11/18 – CONCERT
11/25- No Class
12/2- Last Class – Party!

Intermediate Strings

Thursdays

8/14
8/21
8/28
9/4
9/11
9/18
9/25
10/2 – No Class
10/9 – Fall Break, No Class
10/16
10/23
10/30
11/6
11/13
11/18 - CONCERT
11/20- No class
12/4 – Last Class – Party!

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Private String Teacher Information

Private lessons are a wonderful way to enhance your child's experience in strings. Lessons allow students to progress very quickly and receive one-on-one attention. If you are interested in finding a private teacher for your child, these local teachers are highly recommended.

WKU Pre-College Strings Program

Dr. Anna Cromwell, violin/viola
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Sarah Berry, cello
Sarah.berry@wku.edu

Patrick O'Rourke, bass
PATRICK.ROURKE@bgreen.kyschools.us

Bowling Green String Academy

(270) 846-2426, or e-mail the director at info@bgco.com

Andy Zabinski, violin
fiddlez@gmail.com

Randy Olson, violin/viola
rwocmo@comcast.net

Yoonie Choi
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Other Bowling Green string teachers:

Julianna Waller-Swiebel (Red River Fiddlers)
juliannawaller@gmail.com

Jennay Keelin, violin
jkeelin@bgco.com

Susan Abell, cello
susan.abell552@wku.edu

Ben Goodwin, cello
benjamin.goodwin882@wku.edu

Ashley Grueter, cello
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